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1 RE: The patent application of Metcalf
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3 Filed July 17, 2000
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6 Entitled: Ordering, Scheduling and Reservation System for Expedited Commerce between an
7 Internet Browsing Apparatus and One or More Physical Venues
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10 **--FAX TRANSMISSION--**
11 **PROPOSED CHANGE TO TWO INDEPENDENT CLAIMS (INFORMAL)**
12 **(Five Pages)**
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20 Dear Examiner:
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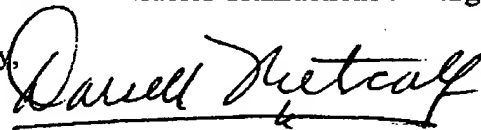
22 The applicant respectfully requests a telephone consultation with the examiner to discuss
23 the approach taken with the independent claims on pgs 2-3 of this fax transmission. The two
24 claims proposed herein (a) rely closely on specific enabling structure disclosed in the
25 specification to comply with the USC 112 enablement requirement mentioned in the last office
26 action, and (b) follow the office action's instruction to "rewrite the claims in independent form"
27 and clarify how the system provides 'time-saving' *scheduled-customer visitations among a*
28 *network of 'expedited service areas' (ESAs)*—an invention which heretofore has not existed.
29 The inclusion of 'time-saving criteria' (in a Markush clause of the claims) provides the implied
30 energy-saving and 'trip-linking' environmental advantages referred to in "Appendix A" of the
31 applicant's last response—and addresses the office action's remarks regarding 'trip-linking.'

32 Also, to assist in providing a quick understanding of the novel *networked-venue/ESAs*
33 structure of the invention relied on to meet the USC 112 enablement requirement, the applicant
34 has included a one-page drawing on page 5, entitled: "*Diagram – Example of 'Time-Saving'*
35 *Scheduled-Customer Visitations Among a Network of Expedited Service Areas (ESAs)*". An
36 explanation of the 'Diagram' is included on page 4 of this fax transmission.

37 In view of the new focus of the proposed independent claim amendments' addressing the
38 the office action's enablement requirement and incorporating 'time-saving criteria', the applicant
39 suggests the following change to the title of the invention would now be more appropriate:
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41 System and Method For Expediting Scheduled-Customer Visitations and
42 Ordered-Deliverables Transactions Among a Network of Expedited Service Areas
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44 Respectfully,
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